

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? There is no local news. There is AP and the corporately owned Chicago Tribune. The other local newspapers all use AP. It's a joke. There is no local news.

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How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?

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What is the State of Noncommercial, Nonprofit, and Public Media?

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Sadly, PBS now runs commercials. We used to be able to call them impartial, now I don't know. Comcast local access is crap. Well, Comcast is crap. There is no real avenue for redress. We have been cheated by the cable companies who are now using their profits to control access to the internet.

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What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

Many of our neighbors spend more than \$100 each month for basic cable, a movie channel or two and internet access. It is simply much too expensive.

New via mobile devices? An IPHONE costs \$100 plus \$1,200 a year to run. Who does that serve? No one we know.

Social Networks? You mean the inbred networks that are built around things like having an African American president? My father is in a social network like that. He watches Fox News and believes everything they tell him. He is also very active in his church. I've read their emails. They are all full of the lies and distortions and picture depicting Obama as Hitler. I would not refer to them as a news ecosystem of all things. In the suburbs, one barely speaks to one's neighbors. There is no real community.

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